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FUNDS TO NGO`S FOR OLD AGE HOMES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to provide any financial assistance to the NGO`s and funds for running old age homes and children homes;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the number of requests pending with the Government for clearance in this regard; and

(d) the time stipulated for their clearance?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. For running old age homes, financial assistance is given to the NGOsunder the `Integrated Programme for Older Persons`, with an aim to empower and improve the quality of life of older persons, generate greater awareness on issues pertaining to older persons, foster amiable multi-generational relationships, popularize the concept of life long preparation for old age at the individual level as well as at the social level etc.

Under the `Scheme of Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for Children to promotein country adoption`, financial assistance is given for institutional care within the country for care and protection of infants and children upto 6 years of age, who are either abandoned or orphaned/destitute and their rehabilitation through in country adoption.

(c) 215 number of fresh proposals have been received under the Integrated Programme for Older Persons and five number of fresh proposals have been received under the scheme of Assistance to Homes (Shishu Greh) for Children to promote in country adoption.

(d) The time for consideration and sanction of new project proposals depends on various factors namely fulfilling the eligibility criteria, proposals being complete in all respect, availability of funds etc.